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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement, which is hereby circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Paragons of Patience as an Effective Measure for Constraining Terrorism

Terrorism is a global threat and an organized form of extremism. The appalling phenomenon has taken the lives of hundreds of thousands of human beings, especially women and children in such a way that it has endangered human security and life.

Terrorism inflicts a large number of destructive effects on society. Terrorists try to intimidate people in order to prevent the society from gaining access to fundamental rights, and security. Terrorism has endangered human rights, threatened democracy and challenged fundamental rights for a peaceful life. Therefore, we are faced with a great threat, a threat which uses modern tools in the worst way possible and fills the third millennium with anxiety and fear for all humanity.

There are still new victims in the world. The victims of terrorism are on the increase. Today, millions of people have been affected in terrorist attacks in different countries such as Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Yemen, Somalia, Nigeria, Thailand, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, Lebanon, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, France, Norway, Sweden and the United States of America.

Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism believes that commemorating the victims of terrorism can be a reaction in condemning the terrorist crimes and a symbolic trial of perpetrators in the world's public opinion.

Thus, we call on human rights activists as well as the elites to take effective measures in introducing the victims as paragons of patience and forbearance with the express purpose of constraining terrorism.